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## Deputy Recognized for Mounted Unit Service



*Deputy Joel Winchester and Corporal Bill Rackley*

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Deputy Joel Winchester for his years of service with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit.

The Mounted Unit is comprised of both Deputies and civilian volunteers. These individuals work closely together to provide Mounted Search and Rescue as well as Mounted Community and Forest Patrols.

The Mounted Unit also provides important community outreach during public events and during everyday contacts within their community. Our Mounted Unit regularly assists other state law enforcement agencies with crowd control during major spectator events. In 2008, our Mounted Unit was invited and participated in crowd control for Super Bowl XLII in Phoenix.

The unit members and their horses must complete a rigorous training including: personal safety, general Search and Rescue procedures, event management, map and compass navigation, GPS navigation, and tracking. They also must complete courses that demonstrate mounted skills and that the horse and rider are able to work under a variety of potentially distracting or stressful conditions. Many members of the unit have been certified through the Arizona Mounted Police Officers Academy.

A major benefit to Mounted Unit patrols is that officers are in more direct contact with the public than they would be from a vehicle. Officers can easily converse with people who are out in their yards or neighborhood. Horses can go places that might be hard to access by vehicle. Officers also can get a different perspective of an area from their position on horseback compared to inside a vehicle. Because of the history of mounted units, people often view mounted officers and their horses as being very approachable, which helps develop community relations. Together, this adds up to a unique way to provide additional service to the community.

Deputy Winchester resigned his position in the Mounted Unit. The Sheriff's Office recognizes him for his unwavering dedication and exemplary support beyond all expectations as a member.

## Fraternal Order Of Police - Officers of the Year



*Officer Patti Shores-Prescott and her children*

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Patti Shores-Prescott for earning the Officer of the Year award for Detention.

Following is the nomination that was submitted by Nan Shoaff for Officer Shores-Prescott: I have had the pleasure of interacting frequently with Officer Prescott a lot in the past month or so. I was very excited when she got the position of work crew (supervisor). When I witness her interacting with the inmates she is respectful and encouraging to them. They always know where they stand with her and she has the excellent skill of redirecting negative behavior in the inmate to avoid confrontation or other security issues. She always has a positive attitude about the jail and about her job. She is an excellent representation of the Coconino County Detention Facility. She is a team player and she is very nice to work with.

This award is a great honor and tribute to the dedication of these officers. It is not only an honor to be nominated by your peers, but it also is an honor that a professional organization such as FOP recognizes and values the outstanding work of our officers.



*Sergeant Trevan Woolbright*

Sergeant Trevan Woolbright was nominated by Lt. Brian Tozer and Captain Jeff Drayton. Trevan recently retired after 38 years of serving as a sworn peace officer.

During his retirement celebration, many people recounted stories that exemplify the long term contributions that Trevan

made to this agency and the community. Trevan was known for his ability to bring composure to even the most intimidating and dangerous situations. He field trained many officers and truly mentored them teaching them: the "ins and outs" of our expansive county, special skills and techniques of the law enforcement profession, and ways to effectively and compassionately deal with people. He has an incredible aptitude for recalling people, places, and events, and his knowledge base has been drawn upon by many. We look forward to his continued involvement as a Reserve Officer and member of the Cold Case Unit.

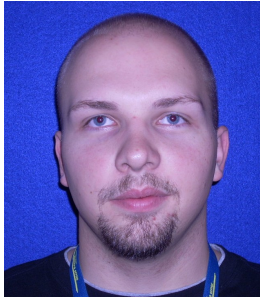
Thank you to Officer Shores-Prescott and Sergeant Trevan Woolbright for their commitment to Service to Community.

## New Detention Officer II's

The Sheriff's Office is committed to staff development and training. It's very exciting for our agency when employees dedicate themselves to career advancement and the opportunities provided.

March was a busy month for promotions! In order to promote to the next level in the Sheriff's Office, candidates go through a testing process and oral boards with higher ranking officers, a representative from Human Resources, and other management personnel. We are very pleased to be a part of their long term career and support them in their new position!

Congratulations to Christopher Rose, Filiberto Valerio, Daniel Abbott, and Patrick Baze who were promoted from Detention Officer I to Detention Officer II. As Detention Officer II's, these individuals have shown the ability to take on another level of responsibility in terms of the safety and security of the facility and inmates. Detention Officer II's may also transport inmates outside of the facility to court, the hospital, or other facilities. In this role, they also carry firearms under certain conditions and go through regular firearms training and qualifications.



*Officer Christopher Rose*



*Officer Filiberto Valerio*



*Officer Daniel Abbott*



*Officer Patrick Baze*

## Palm Crosses Made by Inmates



Palm fronds are traditional in many Christian Churches for the celebration of Palm Sunday and the start of Holy week. Many individuals fashion them into crosses.

The crosses were offered to all inmates who requested them, and to officers, and staff. A small written prayer from the bible accompanied the crosses, if requested by individuals. Projects such as these help inmates identify with friends and families celebrating in the community.

## New Williams Patrol Sergeant



*Sergeant John Jamison*

Prior to that, he had 14 years experience in law enforcement with the Williams Police Department and had attained the rank of Sergeant. John quickly assimilated into the culture of CCSO and became a mentor and leader in the Patrol Division.

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate John Jamison who recently tested and was selected for Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Jamison will be filling the Sergeant position in the Williams District.

John Jamison has been with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) since June 2006.

He became the Community Deputy for Munds Park in September 2006. He quickly developed strong community partnerships and ties within the community.

He became a model Community Policing Deputy. His investigative skills helped solve numerous crimes in the Munds Park community and throughout the county.

John is well known for his informative, detailed briefings which help keep officers apprised of crime and other activities throughout the Flagstaff area. He also has served as a certified Field Training Officer. In 2009 he was assigned to GITEM (Gang and Immigration Intelligence Task Force). He recently tested for and was selected for Patrol Corporal just prior to the Sergeant testing.

John uses every opportunity to share his vast experience and knowledge with his fellow officers. We welcome Sgt. Jamison in his new role with the department.

## New Flagstaff Patrol Corporal



*Corporal Rackley and Sheriff Pribil*

Prior to coming to the Sheriff's Office, Bill served eight years in the United States Marine Corps. As a Sergeant in the USMC, he supervised the Metal Fabrication shop, the Armory, a Motor Transport Platoon, training for several hundred non-commissioned officers, and the Mounted Color Guard.

In 1994 Bill began his career at the Sheriff's Office as a Detention Officer and Court Officer. In 1996 Bill became a Deputy in the Patrol Division. While in Patrol, he has been very active in Search and Rescue and is a SAR Assistant Coordinator.

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Bill Rackley who tested and has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Bill has been with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office since February 1994.

He has been the lead Deputy of the Law Enforcement Mounted Unit and the Volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue Unit. In 2003, Bill and other members of the Mounted Unit received the National Public Service Recognition Award for their assistance in patrols, search and rescue, investigations, and community events. Bill has continued to be a lead trainer for Law Enforcement Mounted Unit Academies in Arizona.

He is a member of the FPD/CCSO interagency Tactical Team (SWAT) and specializes as a high-precision rifleman. He has served as a Community Officer for the Mormon Lake area and rural ranch lands. In 2006, he received the Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Award. Bill's file is filled with countless other commendations for his service to community and his professionalism. In his new leadership role, Bill will have many opportunities to continue to share his years of experience, skills, and knowledge.



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### *Service to Community*

*We are committed to providing responsive and effective Service to the Community. We earn and maintain the public's trust and confidence through our integrity and professionalism. Toward these goals, we devote our personnel, resources and energy.*

## Exchange Officer of the Year



Commander Braatz, Beth Walden, Officer Walden, Sheriff Pribil, Judy Bippus-Exchange Club President

The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Officer Tom Walden who will be receiving the Exchange Club Officer of the Year Award.

This award is a great honor and tribute to the dedication of our officers. It is not only an honor to be nominated by your peers, but it also is an honor that organizations in our community recognize and value the outstanding work of our officers.

Following is the nomination that was submitted by Lt. Tina Lawson: Tom's performance has been outstanding. He is currently assigned as the Inmate Relations Officer.

This position is a very difficult assignment due to the fact that Tom's job is to foresee problems that may arise from complaints/grievances/lawsuits from inmates on many different issues: Classification, Security, Administrative Segregation, Access to the Civil Rights Attorney, Protecting the mentally ill, Veteran's Rights in custody, Violation and Grievance procedures. Tom's position requires the accurate documenting and networking of this information with the appropriate parties. Tom's proactive demeanor is professional and he is always willing to assist fellow coworkers and outside agencies with any issues. Tom is a long term employee who wisely has made excellent contacts throughout the County. Tom is an excellent resource and I feel that Tom is an excellent representative of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you to Officer Walden for his commitment to Service to Community.

## Search and Rescue Receives Award from USFS

The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit was presented with an award from the United States Forest Service for winter back country rescues in the Coconino Forest this year.

The award was presented to Sergeant Aaron Dick and the entire Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit for their dedication to interagency coordination, promotion of winter backcountry safety, and their assistance in winter recreation management.

Due to the hazardous snow storms this year, there were many back country missions conducted. Some of the missions included a skier caught in an avalanche, snowboarders with injuries, stranded snow play families, and stranded elk hunters. Search and Rescue is managed by Sergeant Dick and made up of other deputies and over 100 unpaid volunteers.

